

MIZPAH OUTREACH

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Dear Praying Friends,

While swimming in the Aegean one day, David lost his sunglasses. Over a week later, the sunglasses were washed up at Wilma's feet as she stood on the shore. This reminded us of the verse which says, "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days." Ecclesiastes 11:1. It literally means 'send out your grain in ships.' Solomon had much to do with trade and was saying that when you send out the grain, you have to believe it will reach its destination and the goods exchanged for the grain would be brought back safely by the merchants, who were gone for many months, encountering storms and sickness, thieves and various other difficulties, before returning. If eventually they arrived then it was worth it all. As we send forth God's Word we trust that there will be a rich harvest of souls brought into right relationship with God.

This quarter year has been filled with challenges, emotional highs and lows, amazing progress on the home front, much appreciated safety in travel, and many opportunities of sharing and preaching in two new fellowships.

We have had quite a few visitor/workers, among them **Ali & Vicki Wilson**, who came from Loughborough and were involved in a number of jobs from painting doors, leveling steps to building a workbench in the garage for David. We were very thankful for their willingness to help and they also went to visit some friends in Skopje.

Greece

David has been on constant call for preaching at various services. He helps out with preaching at the **Evangelical Residential Home** and they thoroughly enjoy the added extra dose of 'Irish humor' when he goes to visit. He also is very happy to take the meetings with the **Katerini Youth Fellowship** and they have had some very good times together. Recently, some of the youth left the fellowship, having been approached by a group who believe we should not evangelize, only pray for the world. We trust that these young folks will not lose faith but will remember the words of Jesus in the Great Commission and return to the church. Meantime, an increase in numbers of new teens attending, means the group remains stable. While Pastor Mike has been busy with other responsibilities, David has been involved in a **series of Bible Studies and services** for him too.

As we **meet up with contacts**, we have been encouraged and given many wonderful opportunities to 'gossip' the Gospel message. Most new contacts have been quite supportive regarding the reasons we are here in Greece and we continue to build on these relationships. Although the conversations are too numerous to mention here are some we would like to bring to your attention for prayer!

- **Jones** – a dancer from Nigeria – survived fleeing from home when three other refugees accompanying him died. After speaking with him and seeing his interest, David and the Wilsons returned another day with a copy of John Blanchard's, 'Ultimate questions.' He was amazed at the interest in him, and it was good they went as he left for Athens 2 days later.
- **Ken** from England is being followed up by **Vicki and Ali**, who being in the same business line, have some common ground for friendship as they witness further to Ken's family.
- **Demas** who was translating for us at a recent outing, told us in the opening sentences, that he felt this was going to be a special day for him. We did not really know what he meant, but when he found out why we were in Greece, he said, 'I knew this was a special day for me.' Soon he explained that, with his wife, he had started reading the Bible and praying. They had no understanding of the words but they felt this was a good thing to do. After mentioning it to some friends, they decided to **gather together on Monday nights and try to study God's Word**. These unsaved people were excited to meet David and hope that he will come and help them to understand what the Bible is saying. He told us he is realizing religion is not the answer but a relationship with God is what is needed. We were amazed to just sit back and watch God preparing hearts and opening doors with no effort from ourselves. David will be visiting this group before you receive this letter, so please pray for this wonderful opportunity.
- **Manuel, a young German lad**, wrote to us recently, having met us with his family, during a nasty incident involving mafia on the Romanian/Bulgarian border, in 1994. He found our names on the internet, sent us a family photo along with a scanned in photo of our family and explained that meeting up with us had been 'an unforgettable experience' in his life.



Ali & Vicki



Dutch Team

A **team of 8 from Holland** led by Peter Pilon joined us and did a mountain of work. Two of them were only able to stay for 5 days and the others traveled on the weekend to Bitola. Despite the shortness of time, they tiled the big room, two bedrooms, a small hallway and half of a bathroom. The plumbing was finished into the extension and most of the heaters hung on walls. What an amazing hard working team and the fellowship, unity and humor was also great!

FYROMacedonia

Good numbers continue to attend the meetings in Bitola and there have been seasons of great blessing with many deep conversations, tears shed and prayer answered. Some difficult situations have had to be addressed according to Biblical standards and, although it was not easy, those concerned have realized their need to repent and apologize. This is a huge step in the lives of fairly recent believers and a good sign of openness for spiritual growth. So often in our churches, the problems are either left to smolder or merely swept under the carpet, and real blessing is not possible when sin is present and ignored

At Lake Prespa we were privileged to be present at the **Baptism of Zhaklina and Irena** from the **Bitola Fellowship** and although it was a pretty windy cold day, both girls gave excellent testimonies to the saving grace of our Lord. Many friends including unsaved workmates and family were present on the day and after hearing a clear presentation of the Gospel, we all enjoyed food and fellowship together.

The opportunity to speak at a **new fellowship in Skopje** was another time when there was a real sense of the Lord's Presence, and a lovely surprise, as our friend Olive from N. I. turned up unexpectedly.

All the medical supplies we had and the literature from Every Home Crusade have been safely delivered and we are again deeply grateful to those who made this possible. To date this year over **450,000 pieces of literature have been put into the hands of the believers** and more will follow. Pray that those receiving the literature from the believers will read it and that many will accept the message, open their hearts and seek out those who can answer their questions.

Projects are underway to produce **the City Bible** in country with appropriate pages inserted before and after God's Word explaining the Way of Salvation etc. These cover portions will be altered to suit each different city or cater for different sets of people i.e. youth and tourists, The Word inside the covers remains unchanged and we trust it will reach into many hearts and lives both in Greece and F.Y.R.O.Macedonia. Please pray for this venture, those involved in design, translation and printing as well as for the money to be supplied on time for each printing.

As you know we had previously purchased some land adjacent to the house for use as a **Conference/Camp retreat and training centre**. The last piece of land to make up the entire rectangle of over 4,000 sq metres has just been signed over to us by the owners. Having only agreed the price a few minutes, while walking round the property, another neighbour, realizing what was taking place, offered an extra 5,000 euros to Johan and Despina. But they told him a price had already been agreed and settled. They are excited to see the place being used for God's Work and we never cease to be amazed at His timing! We are so very thankful that already well over half the money has been donated by close friends and we know He will provide what is necessary to pay it off completely as well as tax and notary fees.

This is the second visit for **David's brother Ian, sister Esther, brother-in-law Robert and first for nephew Glen** who have just completed painting the outside of the house. It is looking incredibly good and already we have had neighbours round admiring the work. It is very special for us to have family come out and help here and we appreciate them giving their time and expertise to get it done.

Home front

Allyn is now employed by WorldHelp, a Christian organization helping in poverty stricken areas all over the world. He is primarily responsible for the Asian countries and doing the job very well. Recently, he ran a mountain marathon and made very good time in that. **Tiffany** (Bryan's wife) also runs for charity and is involved this year in Operation Christmas Child, encouraging others to fill boxes of gifts for children.

On a more solemn note, **David's sister Jessie**, was held up at gunpoint on the 24th September when thieves robbed the Post Office she runs. No sooner over the shock of this experience on the 29th October they struck again. Fortunately, this time she, slammed the door, raised the alarm and left them angry and empty-handed outside. They have not yet been apprehended, causing extra stress for Jessie.



Ilan, Esther, Robert,
& David painting



David's Nephew,
Glen

Has 2009 disappeared faster than previous years? As we age they seem to go quicker but if it continues in this realm we will meet ourselves coming back!!! **Looking back** we realize with every passing month how much we need you folks at home praying for and supporting us. As we see God's Hand at work, doing His Work, His Way, we know the burden is lighter and the passion greater because of faithful supporting people at the hub.

This will be our last letter till 2010, therefore, let us take this opportunity at another year end to thank you and remember, only eternity will show what you have meant not only to us, but also to those who have been recipients of your sacrificial gifts and prayers. **Looking forward**, the task still seems mammoth and far beyond our capabilities, but thankfully nothing is beyond His. Much still needs to be done before the year end, traveling, services, loads of literature and calendars to be delivered, as well as the **Calendar Outreach in our own area**, which we would value prayer for.

In the early months of **2010 we will be in GB for deputation**. We are trying to centre the meetings by area and dates to save money/time with travel, so please call Charles soon with your booking, as this will determine when we travel between England/ Scotland and Northern Ireland. The dates booked are listed, but still weekdays and some Sundays are free. We look forward to meeting up with many of you during this time. After 1st January 2010 we are available on mobile number 07785977065.

January

Wed. 6th: 7.30pm Newtownards Congational - 02891813185
Sun 10th: 7.30 pm Derryhubbert Mission Hall
Sun 17th: 8pm Ballyrobert Mission Hall-02890832524
Sun 24th: 7pm Craigavon Baptist-07595219470
Sun 31st: 11am & 7pm Richhill Drop-in Centre-02838872200

February

Thur 4th: 8pm - Rising Brook Baptist, Stafford - 01785612733
Fri. 5th: Lunch - Rising Brook Café - 01785612733
Sun 14th: 10.45am /6pm: Ashton u the Hill/Evesham 01386881362
Tues/Wed 16/17th: Lattimore Gospel Hall, St Albans-
01727812772
Fri 19th- Mon 22nd: Fort William, Scotland - 01397702857

March

Sunday 14th: 7.30pm, Derrycrew Mission Hall-02838334642

April

1st - 5th: Easter CCCF - Salisbury - 01794324793
Returning to Greece directly from here

May your Christmas be wrapped in Joy and filled with Love. Best Wishes for Peace, Health and Happiness throughout the coming year.

Yours for Christ's sake and service,
David & Wilma Lyttle

'He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.'
~Roy L. Smith

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